The Newmarket State School is in urgent need of repair and painting inside and outside. On Monday morning I had a quick look around the school with headmaster Chas. The Works Department has said that it will paint the outside of the school. However, painting of the interior of the school is also necessary. I realise that the Minister is considering those problems. I hope that he will put my requests high on his list of priorities.

At the Newmarket High School, seating facilities need to be provided outside the buildings. During winter-time, students who take a break for an hour or so must sit on wet grass or wet bricks. Although 500 students attend the school, seating facilities are provided for only 150 students. Additional seating facilities are required.

The educational facilities at the Windsor school are covered by the Education (General Provisions) Bill. Ministers for Education have been good to my area. A new library has been provided at the Newmarket High School. Ministers have regularly visited the area and teachers have been provided recently. The Opposition is not putting up a political argument. The items that I have indicated are required at the schools, which I have gone in to bat for this evening.

Clause 53 of the Bill deals with mandatory insurance cover. It states—

> "An association shall purchase and maintain such insurance coverage as required by the Director-General by notification published from time to time in the Education Office Gazette."

The position at Wilston is relevant to the present discussion. A number of volunteer workers, if they are 70 years of age or younger, can be insured easily and adequately through the workers' compensation scheme. However, if a worker is over 70 years of age, he cannot be insured. Recently the p. and c. association asked me, "What is the situation when the school itself says, 'Can we have a volunteer come along?'?" I think that there is a distinction between circumstances in which volunteers work for the p. and c. association and are insured and circumstances in which the school itself says, "We want a volunteer to come along to assist with supervision at the swimming-pool. What are the liabilities? Where can we get insurance for that? Does this mandatory insurance cover provision give us some sort of hope that firm answers will be given from the Education Department?"

Clause 30 deals with religious instruction in school hours. Subclause (2) states—

> "Instruction in accordance with regulations prescribed in that behalf shall be given in State primary and special schools during school hours in selected Bible lessons."

Once the Government allows a person to go to high school, he can do what he likes there. Government members knock Opposition members for being some sort of atheistic, hedonistic group of people who are out to corrupt young people.

The reality is that Opposition members are truthful. I think that all honourable members are aware that a number of Opposition members treat their faith with a little more respect than the scant regard that some opportunists on the Government benches have for theirs. At least people such as Hawke and Hayden do not go through a charade professing some sort of belief when they do not have it. I see too much hypocrisy and cant on the Government side of the House.

Mr Hamill: True indeed, they shall be judged.

Mr COMBEN: I think that the comments from Mr Hamill are true.

I know that Government members worry about these matters particularly. I am pleased that one day I will not be judged by my National Party so-called peers in this place about my own faith. For so many years Government members have tackled Opposition members and portrayed us as something false. I hope that one day they will stand in front of their Maker and be judged.